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KUDAMKULAM TRANSMISSION LINE
Kodikunnil Shri Suresh

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) total funds spend so far on laying of Kudamkulam transmission line in Kerala;

(b) whether the Government has taken note of any stir against the laying of the line;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government has declared to provide any financial package or compensation to the owners of the land in Kerala whose land has been occupied for the purpose;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) the time by which the construction work on said lines is likely to be completed?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER(SHRI K.C. VENUGOPAL)

(a) : Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)`s transmission system associated with Kudankulam Atomic Power Project (being developed by Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited (NPCIL)) was envisaged to evacuate power from the generation project to various beneficiaries of the Southern Region including Kerala. Till February, 2011, an amount of about Rs.1650 Crore has been spent by the PGCIL under the transmission project.

(b) & (c) :PGCIL faced severe constraints like RoW issues, public protest and various court cases filed by protestors in the local courts/High Court etc., while implementing 400 kV D/C Edamon − East Cochin & East Cochin-North Trichur transmission lines. To resolve the ROW issues, matter was taken up with Government of Kerala including Hon`bleChief Minister, Hon`bleLeader of Opposition, Hon`ble Electricity Minister, Hon`ble Revenue Minister and other senior officials. Further, Hon`ble Union Minister of Power also took up the matter with State Govt. Moreover, MoP officials held discussions with State Govt. authorities to resolve the issue. Various meetings amongst local people representatives, public, NGOs etc. were also held.

(d) & (e) : For this transmission project, Special compensation package has been given by Govt. of Kerala vide GO (Rt) No. 581/ 2010/ RD dated 04.02.2010 & GO (Rt) No. 2674/10/RD dated 04.06.2010 wherein the compensation for the damages caused at each tower location is 40 % & 70 % of the land price depending on the category of land i.e, paddy field or rubber plantations respectively has to be paid. Further, an exgratia payment @ 20% of the land value shall also be paid for the land area covered under the conductors along the line in private lands. PGCIL follows these norms for this transmission line. The same is being paid to affected parties.

(f) : The contracts for construction of 400kV Edamon − Cochin D/C line were awarded in Mar`08 with a completion schedule of Mar`10 (24 Months). However, the construction of the line was seriously affected on account of public unrest & Court cases.

Some of the transmission elements under the project have already been commissioned and for balance transmission elements, construction works could be taken up with the assistance of initiatives of Kerala State Govt. by issuance of GO`s announcing compensation package in the line. However, approximately 20% of the work only could be completed as on date under 400kV Edamon − Cochin D/C line. The Right of way problems are still being encountered from the public for want of enhanced compensation and the works have come to a near standstill for the past 10 months. PGCIL has sought cooperation of the Government of Kerala and the District Administration in expediting the construction of this transmission project.